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Gentlemen:

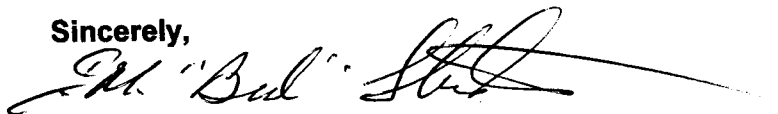
It simply flabbergasts me that SCE&G believe they deserve a huge rate increase to meet what they deem an unfair burden imposed by regulators that are also being met by every other utility in the country... many of whom charge far lower rates than SCE&G.

SCE&G is hardly starving. They have higher rates than Duke Power, for example which is an immediate competitor. They have higher rates than Santee Cooper who has voluntarily begun exploring more environmentally sound approaches to power generation. For those same types of generation SCE&G has shown little or no interest.

So we their rate payers, many of us on fixed incomes and devastated by low interest rates on our savings, must pay for their poor management.

Its time that the Public Service Commission has a come to Jesus conversation with these folks. We want cleaner energy, we want fewer emissions, we want better efficiency, and we want those ugly power lines near the hurricane susceptible coast buried. Then we might talk rate increases.

Sincerely,



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